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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/630,680
Filing Date	August 1, 2000
First Named Inventor	Shinichi IMAI
Group Art Unit	1765
Examiner Name	A. Shamim
Attorney Docket Number	740819-405

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted.
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.19-2380.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.117)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$740.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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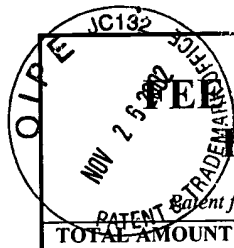
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Nixon Peabody LLP

- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required
Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:

- ☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money
Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 740	201 370	Utility filing fee	
106 330	206 165	Design filing fee	
107 510	207 255	Plant filing fee	
108 740	208 370	Reissue filing fee	
114 160	214 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) \$

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
-20** =	X	=	
Independent Claims -3** =	X	=	
Multiple Dependent	=		

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20	
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2) \$

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130	205 65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130			Non-English transaction	
147 2,520	147 2,520			For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55			Extension for reply within first month	
116 400	200 200			Extension for reply within second month	
117 920	460 460			Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,440	720 720			Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,960	228 980			Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 320	219 160			Notice of Appeal	
120 320	220 160			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 280	221 140			Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,280	241 640			Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,280	242 640			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 460	243 230			Design issue fee	
144 620	244 310			Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50			Processing fee under 37 CR 1.17(q)	
126 180	126 180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 740	246 370			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 740	249 370			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))	
179 740	279 370			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$740.00
169 900	169 900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3)

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